

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE PRAY TOGETHER?



Praying Together

Prayer is both private and public.

Prayer can be both conversation and petition, but prayer is always about relationship with God and community.

While we are taught to not make a show of our prayers, we are also called into community where prayer connects us more deeply to the heartbeat of God.

Thoughts about praying in groups:

- Unless noted otherwise, group prayers are confidential.
- Each person is free to pray out loud, but also equally free to pray silently. Not everyone in the group is comfortable praying out loud.
- Silence is not to be avoided. Members of the group might be gathering thoughts or praying silently.

ACTS Prayer Form:

- **Adoration:** Give God praise and honor for being God.
- **Confession:** We are all broken; it's an honest acknowledgment.
- **Thanksgiving:** God is faithful, and giving thanks is the humble response.
- **Supplication:** Pray for the needs of others and yourself.

LOOK FOR EXAMPLES OF PRAYERS ON THE BACK →





PRAYER EXAMPLES

Prayer for Peace

Gracious and holy God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Our Nation

Eternal God, amid all the turmoil and changes of the world, your love is steadfast and your strength never fails. In this time of danger and trouble, be to us a sure guardian and rock of defense. Guide the leaders of our nation with your wisdom, comfort those in distress, and grant us courage and hope to face the future; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Protection

O God, full of compassion, we commit and commend ourselves to you, in whom we live and move and have our being. Be the goal of our pilgrimage, and our rest by the way. Give us refuge from the turmoil of worldly distractions beneath the shadow of your wings. Let our hearts, so often a sea of restless waves, find peace in you, O God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Guidance

Direct us, Lord God, in all our doings with your most gracious favor. Extend to us your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name. Finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

